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FREE COFFEE AND OPEN CONVERSATION

Downing Hosting an Open Meeting at Monterey Town Hall on February 19th

Pittsfield - To further his goal of being fully accessible to constituents residing in all 48 communities of his district, state Senator Benjamin B. Downing (D-Pittsfield) will bring his *Coffee & Conversation* program to Monterey next Friday, February 19th.

Downing hosts *Coffee & Conversation* – open public forums in rotating towns across his Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin Senate District – on ten Fridays throughout the year. After Monterey, Downing plans to bring the series to Windsor, Huntington, Rowe, Egremont, Hinsdale, Williamsburg, Otis and Cheshire.

While Downing's community relations and constituent services hub is his 7 North Street district office in Pittsfield, he recognizes that serving the largest, most rural district in the Massachusetts Senate presents communication challenges. The Pittsfield office is open during normal business hours Monday through Friday; walk-ins are always welcome.

On February 19th, Downing will host *Coffee & Conversation* at Monterey Town Hall, located at 435 Main Road from 10:00am-11:30am. During that time, Downing will provide free coffee and be available for open, unscripted conversation to those interested in meeting with their state Senator face-to-face.

For more details on *Coffee & Conversation* events, please visit Downing's online office at www.SenatorDowning.com and click on "Upcoming Events."

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